

# *40th Annual* **GRAND LODGE CONVENTION**



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## Foreword

In compiling this souvenir programme the convention committee kept in mind the adage that "a photograph is worth a thousand words". We are proud of our lodge, our city and our province and believe the following pictures will illustrate in a small way some of the reasons for our pride.

The thanks of the committee go to the three ace photographers, Harry Befus, Joe Rossetti, and Lorne Burkall, whose magnificent camera studies grace these pages. Our gratitude also to the individuals and firms whose sponsorship made this programme possible and whose names are below the photographs.

Should additional copies of this programme be desired, contact our general secretary, Harold Wood.

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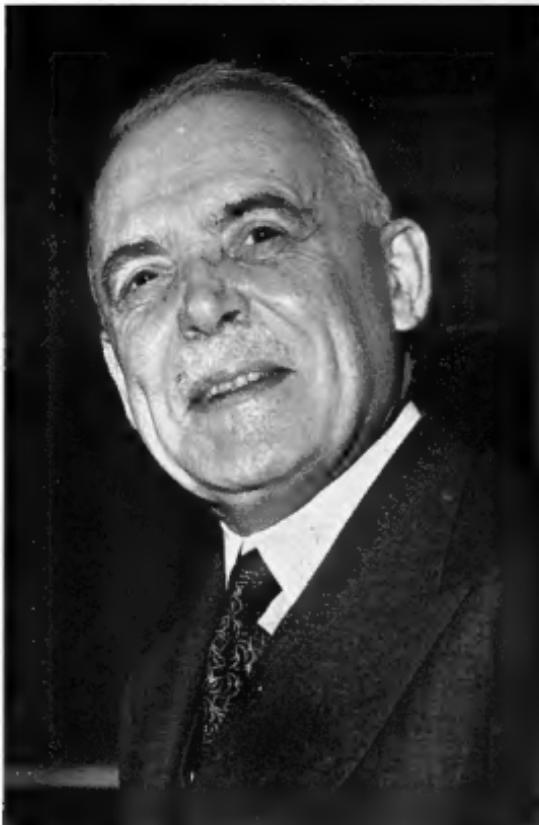
I welcome this opportunity to send greetings to all those associated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Ladies of the Royal Purple on the occasion of their Fortieth Annual Convention in Canada.

I feel sure that this gathering of Lodge members from across Canada and from the United States will serve not only to strengthen the spirit of unity in our own country but also to further the good relations which exist between the United States and Canada.

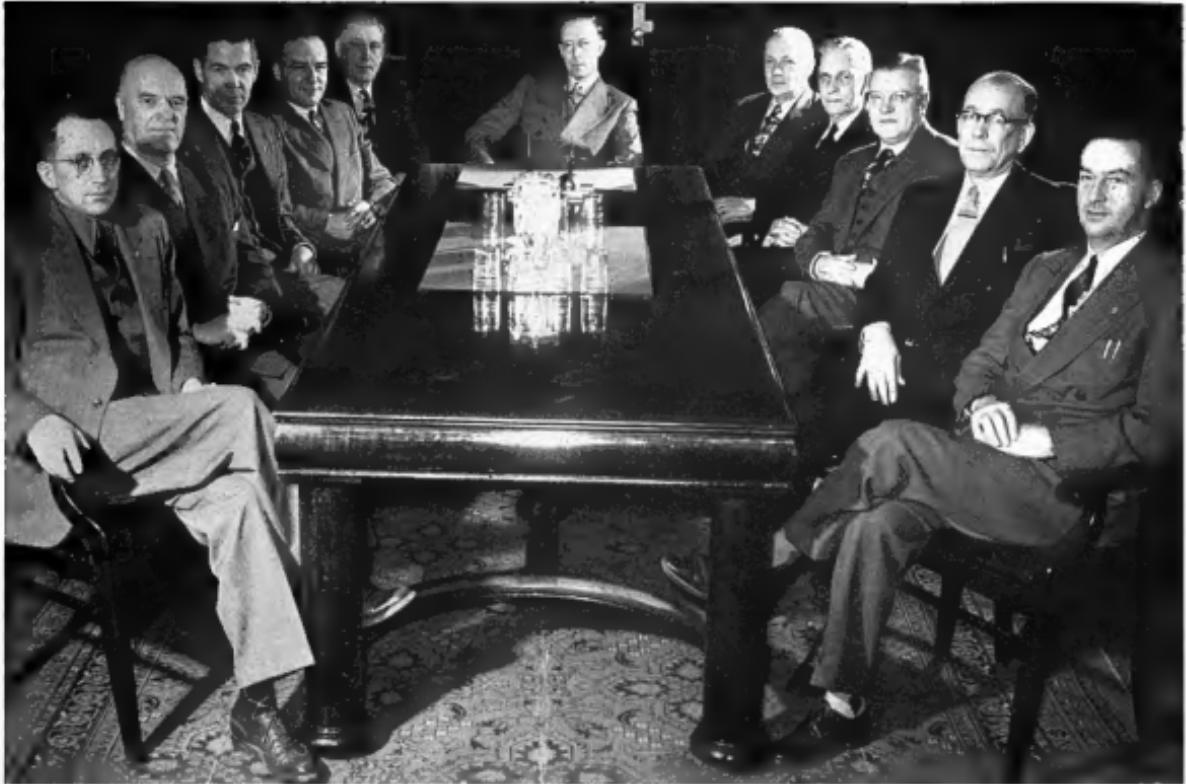
I should like to extend to all those attending the Convention at Calgary all good wishes for successful meetings.

LOUIS ST. LAURENT,  
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Ottawa, 1952.



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## Greetings from the Premier

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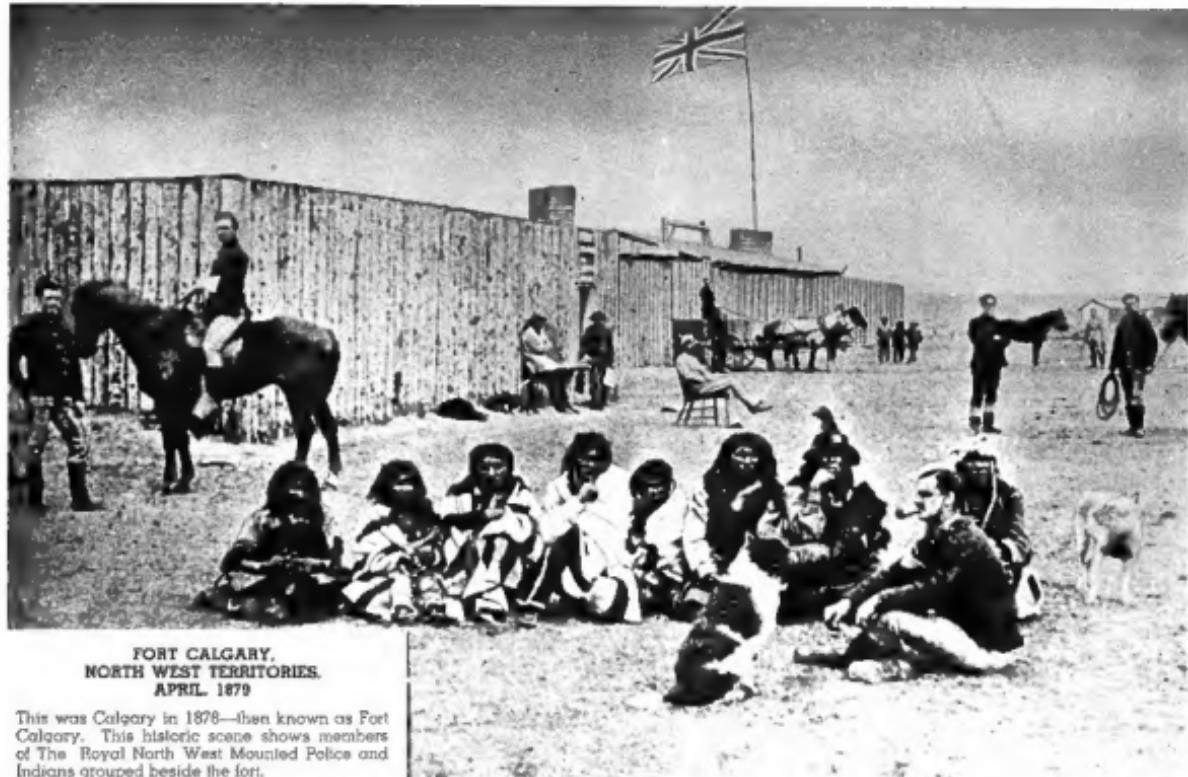
The Province of Alberta sends greetings to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Ladies of the Royal Purple on the occasion of their Fortieth Annual Convention.

As hosts, delegates from your Alberta lodges have a duty to show your fraternal friends from other parts of Canada what real western hospitality and friendliness mean. Show them our expanding industries, our rich farm lands, our busy cattle ranches and our splendid mountain scenery.

I hope that your convention will form the beginning of many new friendships which will prove the worth of your Order and guide it in a further widening of its activities and objectives.

HON. E. C. MANNING.





FORT CALGARY,  
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APRIL 1879

This was Calgary in 1878—then known as Fort Calgary. This historic scene shows members of The Royal North West Mounted Police and Indians grouped beside the fort.

Pictured above is the acorn from which, in only seventy-seven years, a mighty oak has grown. This fact is evidenced by a glance at Page 27. Calgary, your Convention City, home of the world-famous Stampede, is a young giantess flexing her muscles in anticipation of the future. Upheld by the dauntless pioneer spirit of her fathers—you can feel it everywhere—and backed by Alberta's incalculable resources of cattle, grain, coal and, lately, oil, Calgary is striding rapidly toward her destiny . . . one of the great cities of the North American Continent.



## To the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks The Citizens of Calgary send Greetings

1886:

New York was the City and the location was 14th Street and Broadway.

That was the year and the place where the first seeds of that great fraternal organization known as the "Elks" was organized.

1875:

The foothills of the Rockies was the general area and the particular spot was the junction of the Bow and the Swift Rivers.

That was the year the North West Mounted Police established Fort Calgary — the forerunner of the City that is today the centre of your Convention activities.

### CHARLES ALGERNON S. VIVIAN

This was the man who started the ball of fraternal fellowship rolling and succeeding men in the B.P.O.E. have carried it on to greater and greater heights of achievement.

### COL. MCLEOD IN CHARGE OF THE NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE

This was the man who in 1876 officially had the Fort recognized under the name of Calgary which, in effect, means that it is a City divided by the beauties of "Clear Running Waters".

### WHAT'S IN A NAME.

Your fine organization has taken its name from one of the grand members of the animal kingdom. He is oft-times described as "Fleet of foot and timorous of doing wrong, avoiding all combat except in fighting for the female, and in the defence of the young, the defenseless, and the weak."

### OUR 1952 FRATERNAL ELKS ARE:

Men who represent these same basic qualifications are now gathered in our midst enjoying the fraternal fellowship of their Lodge, while at the same time carrying on with the building of a greater framework that will result in an ever more influential organization in the lives of our citizens.

We, as citizens, look back with fond recollections to September 14th, 1920, when the first Calgary Elks Lodge was formed. At that time the first leader was Dr. J. L. Gibson and those were the days when the Prince of Wales was visiting Dr. J. L. Gibson and those were the days when the Prince of Wales was visiting

Calgary; when the first airplane making a trip across Canada touched down in this City; when the Louise Bridge was in process of construction; and it was the year that Turner Valley gas was first piped into Calgary to establish the new system of heating for our community.

In other words, the Elks Lodge was borne amid enterprising days of bustling activities in Calgary. Today, you, as members of the Elks Lodge, gathering in our midst, will find that some thriving community is on its way into the future, still supported by the enthusiasm and the open-hearted friendship of men that proudly wear the emblem of the Elks Lodge. We, as citizens, are mighty proud of our Lodge and we feel sure that they will make your stay in Calgary enjoyable and profitable to all concerned.

I extend the warmest of sincere greetings to all of you.

DONALD H. MACKAY,  
Mayor.

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# Grand Lodge Officers



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Grand Oriental, Brother G. F. Todd, Victoria, B.C.

## Greetings from the Grand Exalted Ruler

Brother Elks

It is with pleasure that I extend a most hearty welcome to all Grand Lodge Officers, Delegates and Visitors to this 40th Annual Convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Canada.

The City of Calgary, where we are privileged to meet, is noted for its hospitality. I am confident our Hosts, the Brothers of Calgary Lodge No. 4, have left nothing undone to make our stay in their City a most enjoyable one.

Our Order has made great strides, not only in Membership, but in Community Service Work. I know you will be pleased to hear of this Progress at our Sessions.

My wish is that you will take part in our discussions with one thought in mind—to further the interests of Elkdom. My fervent hope is that you will leave with a greater determination to practice the principles upon which our Order is founded.

I would also like to extend Greetings to the Ladies of the Order of the Royal Purple, who are meeting in the same City. I trust your deliberations will be valuable and helpful in furthering the interests of Purpledom.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,  
C. W. POOLES.  
Grand Exalted Ruler



## Greetings from the Grand Secretary-Treasurer

Brethren

I extend to all Elks in attendance at this 40th Annual Convention of Grand Lodge greetings and best wishes for a happy and successful gathering of good fellowship.

Elkdom, during the past year, has enjoyed unprecedented progress. It faces the future with confidence in the faith and loyalty of its members.

Our Order has become a vital force in the life of our country and as such receives the support of all Canadian citizens.

Let us, therefore, strive to merit the prestige we have attained.

Fraternally yours  
ROYAL BURRITT  
Grand Secretary-Treasurer



C. W. POOLE, Grand Exalted Ruler



## Greetings from the Exalted Ruler B.P.O.E. No. 4



It has been my privilege and pleasure to attend Elks' Conventions in many cities. I have, as a guest, been received and treated royally. To me they are treasured memories.

It is my sincere wish that all visiting Elks to this friendly City of Calgary will carry home with them the thoughts of new friendships made and good neighborly hospitality received, which is the spirit of Elksdom and without which our short stay in this world would not be worthwhile.

Fronernally yours,

C. S. DODDS,

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**SUNDAY, JULY 27th**

2:00 p.m. Supreme Executive meeting followed by Supreme Trustees meeting in York Hotel

2:00-7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Registration at the Elks Home.

A get-together for Elks and ladies of the Royal Purple at Elks Home Dinner at York Hotel given by Supreme Honored Royal Lady for Supreme Lodge Officers.

**MONDAY, JULY 28th**

9:15 a.m. (informal) breakfast at York Hotel for District Deputies

9:15 a.m. Opening ceremony Appointment of committees

9:00 a.m. Joint officers, welcome with Brother Elks in the Auditorium of the Elks Building

11:00 a.m. March to cenotaph, followed by photograph to be taken in park  
12:00 noon Recess for lunch

1:30 p.m. Supreme Lodge session. Seating of Supreme Lodge Officers

2:00 p.m. Report of credentials, committee. Reading of minutes of last Supreme Lodge convention. Reports of Supreme Honored Royal Lady, Supreme Secretary-Treasurer and Supreme Trustees.

Dropping of the Charter

Recess

Supreme Lodge sessions

3:00 p.m. Open house to all Elks and the Order of the Royal Purple and their friends at Elks Club. Entertainment.

**TUESDAY, JULY 29th**

9:00 a.m. Supreme Lodge sessions

12:30 p.m. Recess for lunch

Afternoon 1:30 p.m. Stampede and barbecue at Sarcee Reserve  
Supreme Lodge sessions. Exemplification of subordinate Lodge meeting by Supreme Lodge officers (Calgary drill team). Question box afterwards.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 30th**

9:00 a.m. Supreme Lodge sessions. Nomination and election of officers

12:30 p.m. Recess for lunch

1:30 p.m. Supreme Lodge sessions. Presentation of the annual budget by Supreme Trustees

2:30 p.m. Installation of Officers

3:30 p.m. Closing exercises of Supreme Lodge

7:00 p.m. Banquet at Paliser Hotel. Dance afterwards at Elks Club Rooms

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## SUNDAY, JULY 27th

Chuck wagon breakfast on 7th Avenue in front of the Elks Building  
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Grand Executive and Board of Trustees meet in the Ladies Lounge  
1:30 p.m. Trip to the Junior Red Cross Hospital  
Evening Registration and get together in the Elks Club.

## MONDAY, JULY 28th

9:00 a.m. Registration  
9:30 a.m. Official opening of Grand Lodge by Grand Lodge Officers.  
10:00 a.m. Reception of Ladies of the Royal Purple  
Reception of Distinguished Guests  
1:00 p.m. Recess  
1:30 p.m. Parade to the Cenotaph and Official Picture  
to 2:00 p.m. Luncheon period  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Grand Lodge Session.  
8:00 p.m. Get acquainted night.

## TUESDAY, JULY 29th

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Grand Lodge Session  
12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon period  
1:30 p.m. Trip to Sarcee Indian reserve or Stampede.  
Buses leave from front of Club at 1:30 p.m.  
8:00 p.m. Stag smoker at Elks Club

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 30th

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Lodge Session  
12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Luncheon period  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lodge session and closing by Grand Lodge Officers.  
6:15 p.m. Banquet at Polsoner Hotel  
9:00 p.m. Dance at Elks Club

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## Message from Supreme Honored Royal Lady

Greetings:

It is with great pleasure that I extend to all delegates and visitors, a very hearty welcome, on behalf of Supreme Lodge, to this our 28th Annual Convention of the Order of the Royal Purple being held in what is known as our "friendly" Alberta City, Calgary. I extend also, on behalf of the Supreme Lodge, greetings to our Brother Elks and members of Grand Lodge. We of the O.O.R.P. deem it a happy privilege to be able to hold our Conventions in the same city and at the same time with them.

Our hosts and hostesses of the two Calgary Lodges have worked hard to give us a programme which will make this Convention a success and to them we extend hearty thanks. The Supreme Lodge hopes that the sessions will be hours of education and instruction, and that everyone will feel that attendance at them has been worthwhile.

Since last Convention we have gone steadily onward, the Principles of our Order, Justice, Charity, Sisterly Love and Fidelity ever before the deliberations of our subordinate lodges. Each time a new link in the shape of a new lodge has been added to our chain, I feel that God is working His purpose out, and we are binding more firmly together for the betterment of humanity and the Communities in which we live. I trust that our delegates have come prepared with worthwhile suggestions and resolutions, and that each Lodge represented will feel that they have a very definite part to play, and the voice to speak in order to make our Convention a success and I pray that as we go our several ways at the close of our sessions, we shall feel that we have been God guided, and that we have met for the betterment of the world at large and the furthering of our beloved Order.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

PHOEBE McCULLOUGH,  
Supreme Honored Royal Lady



## Message from Supreme Secretary-Treasurer

Greetings to All Members of Our Great Fraternity

It is a pleasure to extend sincere and hearty greetings to the Brothers and Sisters of our great fraternity who will be in Calgary July 28th to 30th in attendance at the Convention of the B.P.O. Elks and their Auxiliary the Order of the Royal Purple.

The Order of the Royal Purple can face the future with confidence always remembering the fact that Purpledom and our service to humanity are so interwoven that one cannot survive without the other.

The ladies of Calgary Lodge No. 7 are working hand in hand with the Brother Elks and have spared no effort to make this a truly worthwhile gathering.

Let us all come prepared to co-operate so that all deliberations may be constructive and to the best interest of our beloved Order.

ANNA C. KNUSTON  
Supreme Secretary-Treasurer



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## Message from Honored Royal Lady

On behalf of Calgary Lodge No. 7, Order of the Royal Purple, I take great pleasure in welcoming delegates and members to this 28th Convention of the Order of the Royal Purple being held in our fair City the Valley of the Bow, on July 28th, 29th and 30th, 1952, and it is our sincere wish that you will enjoy your visit with us and take with you only pleasant memories of your stay here.

May the principles of Justice, Charity, Sisterly Love and Fidelity be a constant reminder and guide to us all.

MARY MOWBRAY,  
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No story of the Western Canadian Oil Industry would be complete without including some background facts on the Calgary Stock Exchange. Incorporated in October, 1913, the charter members were William Took, A. W. Dinsman, Louis P. Strong, Oscar Grant, Devenish Thomas, J. S. Skinner, Edmund Taylor, Hugh A. MacLean and J. Edward A. MacLeod.

The opening of the Calgary Stock Exchange was brought about by the discovery of oil in Turner Valley, Alberta, in May, 1914. In spite of the First World War, interest in oil development did not stop until early in 1917, when the Exchange ceased to function. In 1924 Royalite No. 4 well "blew in" with a naphtha flow of 24,000,000 cubic feet of gas and this "wonder well" of Turner Valley became an important factor in the field's subsequent development. Interest in oil increased and in March 1926, the Calgary Stock Exchange was reopened.

The membership is limited to 100 and at the present time 79 seats are issued.

The success of the oil industry in Alberta especially since the discovery well in Leduc in 1947, has brought increasing volume of business to the Calgary Stock Exchange, making it one of the leading markets on the North American Continent. Seventy-five oil companies have their shares listed.

The cities of Calgary and Edmonton are today rivals for the title "Oil Capital of Canada." Their streets and shops are bustling with humans, and,



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